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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The International Brotherhood of Electrical
3 Workers (IBEW) was founded in 1891; the organization represents
4 about 750,000 workers in the electrical industry in the United
5 States, Canada, Panama, and several Caribbean nations; and

6 WHEREAS, Lonnie Stephenson was born in Moline; he was
7 initiated into the IBEW in 1976 and began his apprenticeship as
8 an inside wireman with IBEW Rock Island Local 145; and

9 WHEREAS, Lonnie Stephenson quickly became an active member
10 of IBEW Rock Island Local 145; he was appointed Vice President
11 in 1984 and President in 1987; and

12 WHEREAS, Lonnie Stephenson led the effort to pass a \$5
13 million bond initiative in Davenport, Iowa, to help renovate
14 the city's waterfront area; in 1998, he helped to oversee the
15 construction of the Quad Cities Electrical Training Facility;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In 2002, Lonnie Stephenson was appointed
18 Representative of the IBEW Sixth District, serving Illinois,
19 Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; in 2010, he was
20 appointed International Vice President of the IBEW Sixth
21 District; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 27, 2015, Edwin D. Hill announced his
2 retirement as IBEW International President; Illinois native
3 Lonnie Stephenson was named Hill's successor and will assume
4 the position of IBEW International President on June 1, 2015;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Lonnie Stephenson on the occasion of his
9 appointment as International President of the International
10 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and wish him much success in
11 his new position; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Lonnie Stephenson as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.